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GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED FOR PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL
TIME WITHIN WHICH TO CONSTRUCT AM AND FM BROADCAST STATIONS (701s)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mass Media Bureau has established guidelines for the processing of AM and FM applications filed on FCC Form 701 for an extension of time within which to construct a broadcast station or for a construction permit to replace an expired construction permit. To the extent that these guidelines depart from past practices or policies, they represent new Bureau policies which will be effective upon release of this notice.

The AM and FM Branches would consider an extension application to be grantable under the following circumstances:

1. Construction is complete and testing is underway looking toward filing a license application.
2. Significant progress has been made (equipment on order or on hand, site acquired, cleared, construction proceeding, etc.) toward completing construction.
3. No progress has been made for reasons clearly beyond the control of the permittee (loss of site, zoning delays, weather, etc.) but the permittee is taking all possible steps to resolve the problem and proceed with construction.

In addition, if a permittee finds it necessary to file an application to modify its authorized, but unbuilt facilities, its application for modification should be filed within the first six months of the grant of the original construction permit. Permittees are cautioned that any extension requests necessary to implement modifications filed after that point in time will have an extremely high hurdle (e.g., circumstances 1 or 2, above).

If an assignment application is filed prior to expiration of the construction permit, any extension application will be held and granted simultaneously with the assignment application only if the proposed buyer has expressly represented that it will build immediately after consummation. The extension application will be granted subject to the condition that the assignment be consummated and the failure to consummate within the time allowed will result in cancellation of the construction permit.

Finally, a construction permit will be cancelled for failure to respond within the time limits imposed by the Bureau to inquiries relative to progress of construction.

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